(e) Works shown against part (a) have already been sanctioned and are at different stages of planning and progress as present status has already been shown against each work. Out of 5 works shown against part (b) and (c) only one work at SI. No. 1 could be sanctioned and site survey for preparation of Detailed Estimate has already been taken in hand for it whereas remaining proposals shown from SI. No. 2 to 5 could not find place in the Railway's Works Programme due to reasons shown above in juxta position.

Train from Delhi to Tirupati

659. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no direct train from Delhi to Triupati in Andhra Pradesh where about 20,000 devotees from North visit daily; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to start a bi-weekly direct express train immediately to ease the difficulties faced by the Senior Citizens and elderly ladies in changing trains to Renigunta for visit to Tirupati, the most reverred religious place in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Introduction of a direct train from Delhi to Tirupati is not feasible, at present, due to operational and resource constraints.

Booking Through Internet at Bhubaneshwar

660. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have introduced train ticket booking through internet at Bhubaneshwar on the East Coast Railway zone;

(b) if so, other important stations proposed to be covered with this facility; and

(c) whether the passengers who book their tickets on the internet would have to shell out additional amounts, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Other important stations proposed to be covered with courier delivery of tickets booked through internet in near future are Agartala,